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- IMPORTANT NOTICE -

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTION OF THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13th, 1949
(No Luncheon)

NEW YORK NEWSPAPER GUILD, 133 West 44th St., New York, N. Y.

COCKTAILS AT 6:45 P. M. DINNER (\$2.50 per person) AT 7:15 P. M.

A CHANGE FROM SPEAKERS THIS YEAR A CUTE SINGER, BLONDE AND BEAUTIFUL, WILL BE THE HIGH SPOT OF THE DINNER. HER NAME IS

KYLE MACDONNELL

STAR OF "THE ABOUT TOWN" TELEVISION PROGRAM AND STAR OF "MAKE MINE MANHATTAN" WILL SING A FEW SONGS RIGHT AFTER DINNER IN HER OWN INIMITABLE STYLE.

ANNUAL MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 P.M. MEMBERS WHO CANNOT ATTEND THE DINNER ARE URGED TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND THE MEETING Afterwards.

- AGENDA -

REPORTS OF THE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND TREASURER AND CHAIRMEN OF THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES WHICH FUNCTIONED DURING THE YEAR. THE SLATE WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE LAST ISSUE OF THE OPC BULLETIN. NEW BUSINESS WILL BE DISCUSSED.

ONLY MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING MAY VOTE. VOTING BALLOT WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE MEETING. NO ABSENTEE VOTING OR VOTE BY MAIL OR PROXY. VOTING BY SECRET BALLOT.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND GOVERNORS MAY BE MADE FROM THE FLOOR BY ANY MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING.

At the last meeting of the Board of Governors, REAVIS O'NEAL introduced a motion to exclude all guests from this annual meeting and to have no speakers. LEO BRANHAM seconded this motion which was passed. SO NO GUESTS. ONLY ACTIVE MEMBERS MAY VOTE BUT ASSOCIATE AND GUEST MEMBERS MAY ATTEND AND JOIN IN THE DISCUSSIONS.

W. W. CHAPLIN, PRESIDENT, URGES ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND THIS MEETING WHICH WILL BE A DECISIVE ONE REGARDING THE FUTURE OF THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB.

Newsweek reports that a picture called "Guilty of Treason" will be made from the OPC book "As We See Russia" --- the fictional story of a correspondent in the Balkans will provide the framework for the publication of the club based on a collection of chapters by members with service behind the iron curtain. Authors of chapters in the book please take note..production is to begin in May.

ATTENTION THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS of the Club, meeting in the club headquarters on March 22, 1949, hereby abrogates and annuls any previous commitment given during the existence of the Overseas Press Club of America to any individual, group of individuals, agency or corporation, to represent the club in the promotion or sponsorship of any radio or television program. So far as is known to the present Board of Governors, no such commitment now exists but this action is for the purpose of eliminating any future claims against the OPC from any person, group or agency presuming or alleging to have such a commitment. A committee of three was appointed to deal directly on behalf of the Club with the interested companies. REAVIS O'NEAL is the chairman, with BOB CONSIDINE and EDWARD MURROW as the other members of the Committee.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB NOW STANDS AT 720. Six hundred and eleven active members; seventy seven associate and thirty two guest members compose the active list. About one hundred more on the inactive list.

JOHN DONOVAN reports that the trial of the suspects in the George Polk murder will begin on April 12th. Winston Burdett and Alex Kendrick will represent CBS. George Polk's brother Bill and Constantine Poulos of the ONA will be present as will General Donovan representing the Overseas Writers Committee Investigating the Murder of the Foreign Correspondent last year.

HENRY J. TAYLOR of the Mutual Broadcasting System has won the Alfred Dupont Radio Commentator Award for 1948. This award is projected to hold the same place in radio that the Pulitzer prize holds in the field of journalism.

ERNIE DUPUY has written the story of the 106th Infantry Division in his new book which will be launched on April 22nd by the Infantry Journal Press. "ST. VITH--Lion in the Way" is a yarn which pulls no punches, according to reports.

RUTH LLOYD has returned to New York and can be found at the Barbizon Plaza. She is regarded by the boys behind the Iron Curtain with a "jaundiced eye" because she has been in the Balkans too long and knows too many people and what's more, what's happening to them..... RUTH KARPF has an article coming up in the May issue of "Madamoiselle" on Europe, which is to be called "Apropos Men"

GORDON GASKILL, writes of "The Yankee Lord Mayor of Hamburg" in the April issue of "American" magazine.... It is the story of an American who sacrificed his citizenship to bring hope to a despairing people.

GEORGE MOORAD of Station KGW and the "Oregonian" in Portland, Washington, will be in New York next week for a few days. GEORGE and BILL CHAPLIN plan to meet at the annual meeting on April 13th and figure out at what altitude an atom bomb explodes. There seems to be some difference of opinion.

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ANN STRINGER, former United Press correspondent in Berlin, returned to the States last month and was married in Kilgore, Texas to Henry Riess, N.Y. Times photographer in Berlin, on February 26th. After a honeymoon in South America, the couple will return to Berlin late in April. Riess brought to the States a collection of 132 photographs of Berlin under blockade which will be exhibited in the Libraries of Congress all over the country.

LATEST APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE OPC...

HAROLD CALLENDER, Paris correspondent for the N.Y. Times. Paris, 1926, New York Times; Algiers, 1943-44; London, New York Times, 1929 to 41 and Paris, 1944 to present.

ROBERT COLLYER, Television manager of IMPACT PRODUCTIONS. Paris Times, 1929; London Daily Herald, Paris, 1930; London Daily Telegraph and Christian Science Monitor, Madrid, 1931; London Daily Herald, Paris, 1932.

JOHN L. STONE, JR. Station WRVA, Richmond, Virginia. Jan. 1943 to Feb. 1944, London. 1944 to March 1945, Pacific Theatre of Operations; OWI and PWD, Jan. 1943 to Feb. 1944, England and the Continent. From April 1944 to March 1945, Manila and Tokyo for Station WRVA.

GHOSTING is a good thing to do. Ask BOB CONSIDINE, who knows. Would members who are available for ghost writing please call the Club???? Several requests have been received this week.

ARTHUR SETTEL, deputy director of the Public Information Office of AMG in Germany is here in New York for three weeks to lend a hand with the AMG Sponsored German Industry Fair opening in Rockefeller Center on April 9th.

TEMPLE FIELDING sails this week for South America to do a series of free lance articles and fill various assignments, along with BERTRAM BRANDT of Acme Newspictures. Nancy Parker, literary agent, better known as Nancy Fielding, will accompany her husband on the first leg of the trip, to last about three months. Part of the trip will be made by boat and the other part by Pan American Airways.

JOHANNES STEEL, sponsored by his Report on World Affairs, will be back on the air as of this week on Station WLIB, Monday through Thursday at 7 P.M. and Sundays at 4 P.M.

RICHARD CHAPLIN has been named associate publisher of Collier's Magazine in an announcement from Crowell-Collier's this week. There is a change in personnel status all the way down the line.

AL NEWMAN, well known war correspondent for Newsweek, is the managing editor of a new publication which will start this month in New York. Headed by Max Ascoli, "The Reporter" will deal with foreign affairs, economics, etc. LEILAND STOWE is a member of the Board.

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HELEN HIETT of the N.Y. Herald Tribune recommends a talented applicant for a job as typist and stenographer for a member who is doing a book. The girl is willing to work on weekends and in the evenings, although she has a job during regular hours of the working week. Call the office re details. HELEN has just had a baby, Jonathan. Both are doing nicely.

HOWARD WHITMAN writes of "Impotency in Men" in the April issue of Cosmopolitan, in which he reports that impotence is curable.

RICHARD TREGASKIS, round-the-world correspondent for TRUE magazine, describes "Mr. Jong and the Fortunes of War" in the April issue of the magazine. This is the sixth in a series which Dick has written.

The April issue of Reader's Digest, according to FARLEY MANNING, features the following members as authors: HOWARD WHITMAN, DOROTHY THOMPSON, BILL DAVIDSON, ARTHUR GORDON, GEORGE KENT, J. P. McEVOY, STANLY HIGH, W. L. WHITE (condensation of his book "Land of Milk and Honey".)

GERALDINE FITCH will fly home from Korea via Alaska in May. She has been covering for INS and UP on spot stories while there. She will be available for lectures, radio programs and special articles on Korea or China. Gerry noted that a recent Bulletin carried the name of a fictitious character by the name of "Theodore Wright" being used by the films. She feels that it is a name similar to Teddy White. as a matter of fact, several other members noted the similarity in the names.

ROGER SHAW, now of Trinity College, Hartford, was awarded the Toulmin medal for 1949 by the Society of American Military Engineers (whose publication is received in the clubrooms) for his new book, now in serial form, "Adam to Atom". He goes to Washington and Fort Belvoir, Va. for the formal presentation in May.

MARY KNIGHT has been very ill in Hollywood but is recovering now... SANFORD GRIFFITH starts a new research office soon. Details from him at CH 2-5977.

NED NORDNESS, director of Information of ECA in Norway, was married on March 2 to Evy Erichsen. However, a group of twelve newspapermen who were on tour there before the wedding, tried to wear him out. The group consisted of Felix Belair, N.Y. Times; Fitzhugh Turner of the N.Y. Herald Tribune; Oscar Naumann, N.Y. Journal of Commerce; Everett Norlander, Chicago Daily News; Glenn Williams, AP, London; Haynes Thompson, UP, Paris; Wm. Harrison, Washington Star; Laurence Eklund, Milwaukee Journal; Jalmar Johnson, Portland Oregonian; George Peterson, Minneapolis Star Journal and Fred Colburn of the Denver Post. Ned's wife, who is Norwegian, took over the business of her husband, (tortured and killed by the Nazis during the war) and is today the only woman in Norway engaged in the import of heavy chemicals.

H. V. KALTENBORN wishes to acknowledge a contribution of one hundred dollars to the Correspondents' Fund from Bernard Baruch and also another check from Sir Terence Shone, diplomatic representative of the U.K. to the U.N.

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New York Times members report that Robert Aura Smith will leave the foreign copy desk on April 1 to fill the editorial staff vacancy on the Times left by the death of Ralph Renaud... HERBERT MATTHEWS has returned to the London Bureau of the Times -- CLINTON GREEN, manager of the London Photo Bureau, is here on a two months' vacation with Mrs. Green.

ROBERT B. PARKER has joined the staff of "Life" magazine in New York... WYTHE WILLIAMS wrote a stage play of his book "Tiger of France" as soon as he finished the manuscript of his book which came out recently.

LAWRENCE BLOCHMAN has been elected a member of the Board of the Mystery Writers of America. President last year, Larry was succeeded by John Dickson Carr. The Mystery Writers are having a super-do banquet soon. More in the next Bulletin about it, or if you can't wait, call BLOCHMAN.

ARTHUR MENKEN, now with the State Department's Office of International Information, reports the birth of a daughter, Laura in New York on March 22nd.

AVAILABLE.. OPC member for feature or foreign news writer or editor. Has been recently behind the iron curtain-- has many years of news and feature writing experience, here and abroad. Call OPC office for details.

JOE PETERS got a letter the other day from Louis Matzhold, who was a "Maedschen fuer Alles" in the Vienna and Berlin Bureaus of the AP before the war. Matzhold has finally been cleared as to his alleged collaboration with the Nazis during the war. He wishes to be remembered to friends and colleagues here.

SUBLET Apartment on E. 68th St., from June 1st to Oct. 1, \$250 per month. Seven room apartment with linen and silver for use included. Call the office.

RALPH J. FRANTZ, Treasurer, wishes to remind members that the Club has grown in the past four years from a membership of 160 to 720. In order to provide adequate space and to keep pace with the growing demands of members, the Club found our present quarters and furnished them. There is now no more room for our growing library and record files, so that an increase in our quarters is being contemplated. Additional space is needed when we have a reception or cocktail party, too. A more detailed edition of "Who's Who In Foreign Correspondence" is also needed in the next few months.

ARTHUR GAETH, radio commentator and T. O. THACKREY, former editor of the Post Home News, took active roles in the Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace last week in New York. ED HUNTER, staff of the N.Y. Post, reports that the members of the editor staff of the paper posted an anti-Stalinist declaration on the city room bulletin board.

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HESTER E. HENSELL, EDITOR.



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